

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A notebook computer with a hidden touch pad, comprising:

a main portion including a housing, wherein the housing has a first surface and a second surface, a receiving portion formed in the second surface and not exposed to the first surface, and a thickness of the housing that the receiving portion forms therein is thinner than that of the housing that the receiving portion does not form therein;

a display connected to the main portion in a rotatable manner; and

a touch pad disposed onto the receiving portion;

wherein the housing prevents the touch pad from being exposed to an atmosphere outside of the housing.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously presented) The notebook computer as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an adhesive member adhering the touch pad to the receiving portion.

6. (Previously presented) The notebook computer as claimed in claim 5, wherein the touch pad is closely adjacent to the receiving portion via the adhesive member, thereby eliminating any gap between the receiving portion and the touch pad.

7. (Previously presented) The notebook computer as claimed in claim 1, wherein a thickness of the housing at the receiving portion is about 0.5-0.8mm.

8. (Previously presented) The notebook computer as claimed in claim 1, wherein a difference between a thickness of the receiving portion and that of a portion, adjacent to the receiving portion, of the housing is about 0.7-1.0mm.

9. (Previously presented) The notebook computer as claimed in claim 1, wherein a ratio between a thickness of the receiving portion and a thickness of a portion, adjacent to the receiving portion, of the housing is about 1/3-1/2.

10. (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a notebook computer with a hidden touch pad, comprising:

forming a housing having a first surface and a second surface, wherein a receiving portion formed in the second surface and not exposed to the first surface, and a thickness of the housing that the receiving portion forms therein is thinner than that of the housing that the receiving portion does not form therein;

providing an adhesive member; and

adhering a touch pad onto the receiving portion via the adhesive member;
wherein the housing prevents the touch pad from being exposed to an atmosphere outside of the housing.

11. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:

providing an adhesive member, and adhering the touch pad on the receiving portion via the adhesive member, thereby eliminating any gap therebetween.

12. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein a thickness of the receiving portion is about 0.5-0.8mm.

13. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein a difference between a thickness of the receiving portion and a thickness of a portion, adjacent to the receiving portion, of the housing is about 0.7-1.0mm.

14. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein a ratio between a thickness of the receiving portion and a thickness of a portion, adjacent to the receiving portion, of the housing is about 1/3-1/2.

15. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the housing is formed by injection molding.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) The notebook computer as claimed in claim 20, wherein the flange on the external surface is an identifier.

18. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 22, wherein the flange on the external surface is an identifier.

19. (Previously presented) The notebook computer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the housing further includes an external surface.

20. (Previously presented) The notebook computer as claimed in claim 19, wherein the housing further includes a flange on the external surface, and the flange surrounds a surface corresponding to the receiving portion.

21. (Previously presented) The notebook computer as claimed in claim 10, wherein the housing further includes an external surface.

22. (Previously presented) The notebook computer as claimed in claim 21, wherein the housing further includes a flange on the external surface, and the flange surrounds a surface corresponding to the receiving portion.

23-24. (Cancelled).